(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The foundation stones for the constructioin of new bridges were laid in November, 1994. An expenditure of Rs. 22,762/- was incurred on the stone laying ceremony.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The contract was awarded on 15.3.96 with a stipulation that the work would be completed within 12 months from the date of award of the contract i.e. before 14.3.1997.

Lack of promotional avenues for All India Service Officers

1478. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the number of All India Service Officers who would be promoted to Additional Secretary level;

(b) whether it is a fact that lack of promotional avenues is causing a loss of morale amongst them; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase their promotional avenues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) For promotion of All India Services Officer to the rank of Additional Secretary a panel of suitable officers is drawn up on an annual basis, considering all officers of a particular year of allotment together as a group. Inclusion in the panel is entirely based on suitability and no fixed number of officers to be empanelled has been prescribed. The actual promotion from among the panel depends on the number of vacancies. The question of increasing the number, therefore, does not arise.

(b) The Government is not aware of any loss of morale among the All India Services Officers due to the reason cited in (a) above of the question.

(c) Does not arise due to (b) above.

Thrust area of the 9th Five Year Plan

1479. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth Five Year Plan has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details of areas in which emphasis is given or is proposed to be given during the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) The Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan, preparation of which is underway in Planning Commission, would *inter alia* include the emphasis of the 9th Plan.

केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक न्यायाधिकरण द्वारा मुकदमें निपटाने में विलंब करना

1480. श्री जनार्दन यादव: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार सेवा संबंधी मुकदमेबाजी में कमी लाने हेतु क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक न्यायाधिकरण बार-बार और लंबी अवधि के स्थगन के कारण मुकदमें निपटाने में अधिक समय लेता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो निर्णयाधीन मामलों को शीघ्रता से निपटाने के लिए ऐसे तरीके विकसित करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं जिनसे यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि किसी भी मामले को निपटाने में छः माह से अधिक का समय न लिया जाए;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि न्यायाधिकरणों में नियुक्त किए जाने वाले प्रशासनिक सेवा के सदस्य अल्प अवधि में ही सेवानिवृत्त हो जाते हैं जिसके कारण दो सदस्यीय पीठ कई दिनों तक नहीं बैठ पाती है; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार का उनमें विधिवेताओं या न्यायिक